

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

held at RACV Club, Queen Street, Melbourne, 3.30pm Thursday 10th February 2000

PRESENT:

Messrs. D. Griffiths (Chair), J. Luckman, V. Hughes, R. Wilkens, N. Black, R. Stone, Mrs. V. Ogier.

APOLOGIES:

M. Boyce.

Resolved:

That the apologies be accepted.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Resolved:

That the minutes of the board meeting held in committee, on 7/12/1999 and subsequently approved under Sec. 216, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

2.1 ICA Membership. The EO was asked to discuss the possibility of joint ICA membership with the NSW Federation and to examine whether the \$2500 required for associate membership could be provided from the current budget.

2.2 Membership Survey. The Chairman reported on his discussion with Paul Martin who indicated that 24 Co-operatives had responded and that preliminary points worth noting were:-

- a. Members were keen to see the Federation continue its advocacy role.
- b. The Federation is perceived by some as having favourites.
- c. Assistance with Rules changes is a short-term service.

3 CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was tabled.

Resolved:

“ That correspondence sent be confirmed and correspondence received be accepted.”

4 FINANCIAL REPORTS:

4.1 Accounts for payment.

Resolved:

“That accounts for payment as tabled be approved.”

4.2 Financial Statements

Resolved:

“That financial Statements as tabled be accepted.”

4 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT:

5.1. Co-operatives Directors Training and Development.

The EO reported on work done to date re development of a suitable modular program and kit for use by Co-operatives in training and developing directors. Discussions with the OFTBA have indicated their willingness to assist with Funding for this project.

Resolved:

“That the EO circulate this proposal to the Board for their consideration when it is suitably developed.”

5.2 Meeting with Minister Marsha Thomson, MP. The EO and Chairman reported on this meeting.

Resolved:

“That the EO write to the Minister as a follow-up to the meeting, particularly referring to the lack of co-operatives information in small business publications promoted under her Ministry and offering to assist in addressing this situation.”

5.3 Changes to Rules re Directors.

The EO advised that he was drafting some rules changes re directors retiring and that he would then seek approval for same from the Registry.

6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 National Co-op Update/VCN proposal.

The Chairman and EO reported on the proposal by Substitution P/L Publisher of the NCU which would if acted upon result in all members of the Federation receiving multiple copies of the NCU including the VCN as an insert, printed and laid out by

Substitution P/L. The total cost of the proposal for 12 months (six issues) is \$8450. The Chairman outlined the advantages and benefits of the proposal.

The EO advised that discussions with OFTBA had resulted in their willingness to support this proposal.

Resolved:

“That in-principle support for the proposal be given, subject to the cost being covered by ‘OFTBA funding’ or some other external source..”

6.2 Board of Directors Chairman.

David Griffiths indicated his desire to continue as Chairman until the 1999/2000 Annual General Meeting and this was agreed upon by the Board.

6.3 Co-operative Federation of Victoria Information Sheets

The EO was asked to inquire whether the OFTBA would be interested in utilizing these information sheets by making them available to co-operatives.

The Meeting closed at 4.30pm.

Next meeting Thursday April 13th 2000.